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SUBJ: HONDURAN REACTION TO EXCELSIOR ARTICLE QUOTING

FONMIN BATRES

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3508

1. ACCORDING HONDURAN PRESS ACCOUNTS FONMIN CESAR A. BATRES WAS QUOTED IN SEPTEMBER 15 EDITION OF EXCELSIOR OF MEXICO CITY AS SAYING THAT CERTAIN DISPUTED AREAS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS WERE "NO-MAN'S LAND." EX-PRESIDENT RAMON ERNESTO CRUZ ISSUED DECLARATION SEPTEMBER 17 IN REGARD TO SUPPOSED STATEMENT THAT APPEARED IN PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 20. IN ESSENCE, CRUZ CRITICIZED STATEMENT AS BEING CONTRARY TO ALL PREVIOUSLY HELD HONDURAN JURIDICAL POSITIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE GIVING AWAY OF HONDURAN TERRITORY WAS TREASON ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE DECLARATION ENDED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO LOSE HIS LIFE THAN GIVE UP "A SOLE INCH" OF NATIONAL TERRITORY.

2. BATRES' CLARIFICATION OF THE EXCELSIOR QUOTE WAS

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CARRIED IN THE PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 21. HE DENIED THAT HE

HAD MADE SUCH A STATEMENT AND CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN
MISINTERPRETED BY THE REPORTER.
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